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NIPPON SHOKUBAI Announces Expansion of Super Absorbent Polymer  
Production Capacity in Japan

NIPPON SHOKUBAI CO., LTD. [Tokyo Stock Exchange - TOKSE:4114.T] (“NIPPON SHOKUBAI”) hereby announces that NIPPON SHOKUBAI will build a new super absorbent polymer (SAP) plant with an annual production capacity of 60 thousand metric tons in Autumn 2010 at Himeji plant, Hyogo Prefecture, Japan. After this expansion NIPPON SHOKUBAI’s annual production capacity of SAP will be 470 thousand metric tons in the world including the plants in USA, Europe and China.

Today, worldwide demand for SAP is estimated about 1.4 million metric tons annually, and has been growing by about 5% every year even under the recent recession. Diapers, the major application of SAP, are growing not only for babies but also for adults, in addition, are rapidly growing in the developing countries.

With this expansion, NIPON SHOKUBAI keeps the adequate production capacity of SAP to satisfy the growing demand and makes its world top-class position firm.

(Reference : Our group’s capacity for SAP production)

	(million metric tons)		
	Japan	others	Total
Before additional expansion	260	150	410
After additional expansion	320	150	470

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